

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JACQUELINE JACKS AS THE 2012 WASHINGTON COUNTY ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to recognize Jacqueline Jacks as the 2012 Washington County Rookie Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Jacks has impacted the lives of many through her contributions as Educator of Students with Exceptionalities. Above all, she has earned the fondness and respect of her students and the school community. Driven by her passion for teaching and her love for children, Ms. Jacks is a positive force behind each student's growth of mind, giving them the confidence, knowledge, and inspiration necessary for success.

Ms. Jack's childhood dream was to teach and inspire others, and it was not until after raising her three children that this dream came to fruition. Her story demonstrates that it is never too late to pursue your dreams; it continues to inspire her pupils and her three children, Taryn, Clinton, and Ashton.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Jacqueline Jacks on her achievement and contributions in the Washington County School District. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Ms. Jacks, and we wish her all the best.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,236,279,221,858.36. We have added \$10,434,874,046,564.08 dollars to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION RELATING TO DEBT LIMIT INCREASE

SPEECH OF

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.J. Res. 98 disapproving of President Obama's request to increase the statutory debt limit of the United States. Though, I voted against the original bill authorizing this request, the Budget Control Act, I stand firmly in opposition to any increase in the debt limit and have been opposed in increases since 2005.

Madam Speaker, reckless spending is crushing our economy. It must stop and we cannot continue to give a blank check with no strings attached to the powers that be. These powers, Republican and Democrat alike, have spent this country in to a fiscal catastrophe.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to eliminate duplicative programs, wasteful spending, and reforming the way Congress does business. For example, I have recently introduced the Citizen Legislator Act and the Biennial Budgeting Act. These bills are starting the dialogue to create the fundamental changes so desperately needed in Washington as demanded by our constituents. Congress must be honest with itself and honest with the American people when discussing the defining issue of our time.

HONORING VADM JAMES A. ZIMBLE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor VADM James A. Zimble, MC, USN, who passed away December 14, 2011 at age 78.

Throughout his career in the United States Navy, Admiral Zimble was unrelenting in his dedication to his country and fellow service members. After earning his degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Dr. Zimble joined the Navy in 1955. Completing an internship at St. Albans Hospital, Dr. Zimble decided to pursue undersea medicine and spent a tour aboard the fleet ballistic missile submarine USS *John Marshall*. The valuable skills he acquired there paved the incredible career that followed.

Dr. Zimble served as the CO of the Naval Regional Medical Center in 1978 before becoming the Medical Officer of the Marine Corps in 1981 and then the Fleet Surgeon for Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Most notably, VADM Zimble served as the Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy from 1987 to 1991,

where he presided over disestablishment of the Naval Medical Command and the return of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). In addition, Dr. Zimble managed the deployment of the hospital ships *Mercy* and *Comfort*, the Fleet Hospitals, and Medical Department personnel for the Gulf War.

Upon his retirement in 2004, Dr. Zimble moved to New London, Connecticut, where he lived with his wife Mona.

Admiral Zimble's commitment to the health of the military and their families touched the lives of millions. Please join me in honoring this extraordinary man.

RECOGNIZING DELANIE PRITCHARD AS THE 2013 WASHINGTON COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Delanie Pritchard as the 2013 Washington County, Florida Teacher of the Year.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." It is with great honor that I recognize Delanie Pritchard for her ability to not only teach, but to involve and engage those around her. The best teachers are those who not only educate, but those who strive every day to actively engage their pupils. Mrs. Pritchard embodies this spirit. She is an educator, a mentor, and a role model to those she serves.

Her greatness extends well beyond her title as Teacher of the Year—it lies in the hearts and minds of the students who have been deeply affected. Through her passion and dedication, Mrs. Pritchard has proven herself to be among Northwest Florida's finest teachers. The Washington County School District is honored to have her as one of its own.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Pritchard has taught in various capacities. Whether she was teaching in the classroom at Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys and Vernon Place juvenile facilities; teaching on the field as Physical Education Instructor at Hutchinson Beach Elementary, Surfside Middle School, and Roulhac Middle School; or teaching from behind a desk as Guidance Counselor at Roulhac Middle School, Mrs. Pritchard's impact in molding the minds of her students has been felt, not only by the educational system, but also by the entire community. Since 2004, Mrs. Pritchard has counseled and advised the students of Roulhac Middle School, and it is in this role that the Washington County School Board recognizes her for her outstanding contributions.

Mrs. Pritchard is also a proud wife and mother. She has been happily married for almost 25 years to Ross Pritchard, and they have two daughters, Meredith and Michelle. Her dedication to Northwest Florida and her family is commendable.

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